

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached replacement sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1a, 1b, 5, and 6. In these replacement sheets, the legend “Prior Art” has been added to Figures 1a and 1b. A key for the variables used in the flowchart of Figure 5 has been added, and the letters in block 61 of Figure 6 has been corrected to read MDCT. No new matter has been added.

Attachments: Two (2) Replacement Sheets

Remarks

The following remarks are responsive to the Office Action of October 17, 2008.

At the time of the Office Action, claims 1-32 were pending. Claims 4, 6, 8-11, 13-15, 20, 22-27, and 30-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 1-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 for directing to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 4, 6, 8-11, 13-15, 20, 22-27, and 30-32 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Furthermore, claims 1-32 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101.

The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for taking the time and speaking with the Applicants over the phone on December 16, 2008. The claims have been amended according to the understanding reached during the phone conversation with the Examiner, and the Examiner has indicated that the above claim amendments would be sufficient to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, and 35 U.S.C. §101.

In addition, Applicants have provided replacement sheets for Figures 1a, 1b, 5, and 6. In these replacement sheets, the legend "Prior Art" has been added to Figures 1a and 1b. A key for the variables used in the flowchart of Figure 5 has been added, and the letters in block 61 of Figure 6 has been corrected to read MDCT. Applicants thank the Examiner for noting these deficiencies.

The application is considered in good and proper form for examination, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to issue an early and favorable action on the merits. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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